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E.O. 12065: GDS 05/16/88 (RATTRAY, A.) OR-E
TAGS: SREF, EAID, UNHCR, PK
SUBJECT: (U) UNHCR 1982 BUDGET FOR PAKISTAN PROGRAM

1. (C)- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. ON MAY 16, NEW UNHCR/PAKISTAN CHIEF-OF-MISSION
WALTZER CALLED AT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS AFGHAN
REFUGEE PROGRAM. WALTZER SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT
UNHCR AND GOP WOULD SIGN FORMAL AGREEMENT FOR 1982
VERY SOON, "PERHAPS TONIGHT." RELIEF PROGRAM HAS
BEEN OPERATING ON BASIS OF INTERIM AGREEMENTS WHILE
UNHCR CONDUCTED INTERNAL DEBATE ON ISSUES OF
"FREE LIVERS" AND COVERAGE OF GOP'S RELIEF ADMINISTRA-
TION COSTS. COMPROMISES WERE REACHED WITHIN UNHCR
ON THOSE ISSUES AND 1982 BUDGET HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY
PRESENTED TO GOP. UNHCR AGREED TO PROVIDE "SUPPLE-
MENTARY RATIONS FOR 100,000 FREE LIVERS" AND
PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DOLS 7 MILLION FOR
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FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1982. JOINT SECRETARY OF STATES
AND FRONTIER REGIONS (SAFRON), GOP AGENCY DIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM,
HAS PROMISED, ACCORDING TO WALTZER TO REVIEW AND
COMMENT ON UNHCR BUDGET SUBMISSION ASAP.

3. WALTZER TOLD EMBOFFS THAT FOR 1982 UNHCR HAD BUDGET
SOME DOLS 61 MILLION FOR THE PAKISTAN PROGRAM
(COMMENT: MOST UNHCR/PAKISTAN EXPENSES WILL

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BE IN PAK RS., WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN "DELINKED" FROM THE DOLLAR, THUS PERMITTING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN DOLLAR-QUOTED EXPENSES). UNHCR CHIEF STATED GOP HAD AS YET NOT GIVEN INDICATION OF SIZE OF REQUEST IT WILL MAKE TO AID-TO-PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM IN PARIS NEXT MONTH (DETAILS ON CONSORTIUM REQUEST TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL).

4. WALTZER SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE HAD SO FAR SEEN OF THE GOP'S RELIEF EFFORT. HE OBSERVED THAT GOP SEEMED TO BE MAKING GENUINE EFFORT TO STREAMLINE REFUGEE OPERATION AND GET REGISTRATION INFLATION PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL. ACCORDING TO WALTZER, SOME 200,000 ENTRIES HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE REFUGEE ROLLS AFTER GOP INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THEY WERE BOGUS. GOP HAD PROMISED THAT BY 1983, ALL OF THE REFUGEES, EXPECTED BY THEN TO NUMBER OVER THREE MILLION WOULD BE SETTLED IN OFFICIALLY-DESIGNATED REFUGEE VILLAGES.

5. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM HERE, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE UNHCR 1982 PROGRAM. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED OFFICIALLY, THOUGH AS WALTZER ADMITTED. GIVEN RELUCTANCE OF DONORS TO FUND THIS ITEM BI-LATERALLY, UNHCR WILL PROBABLY HAVE

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TO CONTINUE FUNDING AT LEAST SALARY COSTS OF THE GOP RELIEF PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1982. AS STATED ABOVE, UNHCR HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE DOLS 7 MILLION TOWARDS SALARY COSTS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS. GOP, HOWEVER, HAD CLAIMED COSTS OF OVER DOLS 14 MILLION. NEITHER WALTZER NOR EMBASSY IS CERTAIN WHETHER GOP CLAIM INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN ADDITION TO SALARIES, E.G. TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR OFFICIALS, OFFICE SUPPLIES ETC. SPIERS

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